



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
April 10, 2024 at 9:00 AM

A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

County Manager Shawn Fletcher provided the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 9:02 AM. Deputy Clerk Emily Backhus-Irwin called the roll and all Commissioners were present.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda as presented

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

1. Approval of CDS Mylars as needed
2. Approval of Vouchers as needed
3. Acknowledgment of CED Pipeline Report
4. Liquor License Renewal for the South 40 Bar and Grill
5. Ratification of Appointment of Pam Brewster to the Elbert County Weed Advisory Board



E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Monty Hankins provided an update to their department and the new facility. Mr. Hankins said they are in their 4th month at the new facility and having the larger shop allows for the department to be much better prepared for weather events. Since January 2024, Public Works has had 160 work orders and have serviced 20 Sheriff's Office vehicles. Mr. Hankins said it is more efficient to provide services needed for vehicles and equipment having 4 bays instead of just 1.

Mr. Hankins said that on the anniversary of the bomb cyclone on March 13, there was a large storm and the Public Works department employees were more prepared to assist and having all of the snowplows indoors greatly shortened the safety inspections from about an hour and a half to maybe 20-30 minutes to get out the door. Some of the employees were able to stay in the facility that Wednesday through Friday in a safe environment to be able to make their shift time and not be on the roads during the storm to get to the facility.

Mr. Hankins stated that so far, the department has spent \$162,324 on deicer, and in total, \$480,457 for labor and materials for snow plowing, which came out to roughly \$20,000 per plow shift.

Mr. Hankins also provided an update to a few county roads that are now repaired from last year's flooding and roads and bridges that are still in process.

- 1) CR 166 - Finished
- 2) CR 149- Finished
- 3) CR 170 - Public Works is currently working on a detour and the project has been moved up in priority.

Commissioner Richardson asked Mr. Hankins if he is happy with the new facility. Mr. Hankins said it has been a huge relief having that much space, that is filled up with equipment, and to be able to respond faster to weather emergencies.

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Dettenrieder provided Zoning Regulation Updates. Mr. Dettenrieder stated that his team is tackling 5-10 items at a time to make it manageable to update the formatting with a better flow of documents including grammar on the regulations. Mr. Dettenrieder is gathering information to update the required documents to be compliant. Some documents that are getting updated in the first round will be for Road Acceptance, Short Term Rental and also Zoning Compliance.

Mr. Dettenrieder stated the first round of documents were sent for review and will be presented to the Planning Commission at the next meeting on April 16th then to the Commissioners for regulation updates.

Commissioner Thayer asked if there are any material changes or just making it more efficient. Mr. Dettenrieder stated they are updating the material, taking clean up suggestions as well.

Commissioner Richardson read some tidbits in regard to the 150th Anniversary of Elbert County and read a portion of the minutes for this date back in 1874. The joint board of Douglas and Elbert County met and Commissioner Aux moved that the county buildings belonging to the two counties and situated in Frankstown be advertised and sold to the highest bidder at public auction on the first day of the June term of district court to be held in Douglas County. The afternoon Special Session included the appointment of several new positions including Constable and Justices of the Peace.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Proclamation regarding Child Abuse Prevention Month - Human Services

Director of Human Services Darcy Bolding read aloud the Proclamation. After reading the Proclamation, Ms. Bolding stated it is very difficult to hire and retain caseworkers and that the average caseworker stays around 18 months.

All the Commissioners thanked Ms. Bolding and her team for all their hard work as this is a very difficult job to do.

2. Discussion regarding Ballot Question Request to the BOCC - Citizen Michelle Ingersoll

Elbert County Resident Michelle Ingersoll presented a request to the BOCC regarding adding an item to the ballot. Ms. Ingersoll stated that there are 5 elected departments that currently serve a 2 year term and is requesting that it be changed to 3 years.

- 1) Surveyor
- 2) Assessor
- 3) Treasurer & Public Trustee
- 4) Clerk & Recorder
- 5) Coroner

Ms. Ingersoll stated these 5 positions do not make or change policies for the county, their duties are set by Colorado Statutes and Laws. Ms. Ingersoll said that out of 64 counties, 15 only have a two year term and 58 counties have removed or extended term limits for one or more elected offices. Ms. Ingersoll said there is a very small pool of qualified people who want to run for office with positions having requirements such as:

- 1) Being a registered elector
- 2) At least the age of 18
- 3) A resident of the county for 1 year prior to the election
- 4) No prior experience necessary

Ms. Ingersoll asked the Commissioners to consider adding this measure to the ballot to give citizens the opportunity to elect those running for possibly a 3rd term to capitalize on their skills, talents and experience.

Commissioner Schroeder thanked Ms. Ingersoll for her request and how it was presented. Commissioner Schroeder stated there has been conversation in the past about how to handle filling the position with a regular full time employee if the elected are not working.



Commissioner Richardson asked Ms. Ingersoll if she has done any public outreach. Ms. Ingersoll said she has been using Facebook and has 300 or so people engaged in the conversation.

Commissioner Thayer stated Ms. Ingersoll will need to work with the public to help them understand why she is asking for this measure to be added to the ballot. Ms. Ingersoll understood the process.

**3. Discussion on Recovery and Reimbursements of 2023 Flood Damage - Emergency Operations
Interim Manager Aaron Borne**

Interim Emergency Office Management Manager Aaron Borne provided an update to the 2023 Flooding Recovery and Reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Borne stated that his department has been working very hard to track all the expenses and time required for FEMA to reimburse Elbert County due to all the significant damage created from the flooding. Mr. Borne stated all the necessary documents and project information have been sent to FEMA and the EOM is waiting for feedback and official approval for each reimbursement.

The EOM has followed FEMA guidelines with detail-oriented cost tracking during the recovery processes and has maintained clear communication with FEMA counterparts.

Mr. Borne stated that the Road and Bridge Department has made significant progress throughout the county even though several projects are still in progress and not complete. There will be a final submittal to FEMA when all the projects are completed. Mr. Borne said that staff time allocation is 100% reimbursable. A Notice of Intent was submitted to FEMA March 29, 2024 for the repair of the County Road 170 sole access bridge in Agate. Ashley Deanne from the Finance Department stated that the reimbursement amount in total will be 75%.

The estimated total cost for all the projects is at about \$500,000.00

Commissioner Thayer asked how long it takes FEMA to send the checks for reimbursement. Mr. Borne stated there is no specific date or timeline. Commissioner Richardson stated it could take a couple of years for the funds to arrive. Commissioner Schroeder thanked all of the departments involved in the clean-up efforts and repairs to Elbert County.

Public Works Director Monty Hankins spoke on 4 projects that were taken off the FEMA list and put on the Federal Highway Administration.

- 1) County Road 13 at Driftwood and County Road 13 at Polo Circle
 - 2) County Road 102
 - 3) County Road 150 Bridge
 - 4) County Road 162 bridge in Agate
- All projects are in process.



4. Discussion Regarding Methadone Treatment Contract - County Attorney, Bart Greer

County Attorney Bart Greer provided an update on the Methadone Treatment Contract. Mr. Greer stated they are having to pursue a separate contract now to provide the treatment. This contract is generally for a 1 year term. Mr. Greer is also exploring total costs as well.

Commissioner Richardson asked if costs would not exceed \$10,000. Mr. Greer agreed that is a fair place to start and asked the Board to approve the contract.

Commissioner Richardson also asked if the \$10,000 limit would not require the Board of County Commissioners' signatures but if the County Manager could sign the contract. Mr. Greer stated that it is well within the limits for the County Manager to sign.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of March 27, 2024 Minutes

Motion: Approval of March 27, 2024 Minutes

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 1) Approval of Methadone Treatment Contract
- 2) Clerk and Recorder estimate of cost for ballot question

Commissioner Richardson called a recess at 10:00 AM to return at 1:00 PM for the Land Use Hearing.

J. LAND USE HEARINGS 1:00 P.M.

The Land Use Hearing was called to order at 1:07 PM. Deputy Clerk Emily Backhus-Irwin called the roll and all Commissioners were present.

Commissioner Richardson called a short recess at 1:09 PM and returned at 1:19 PM.

Community and Economic Director Marc Dettenrieder stated that the applicant would like to ask for a continuance to April 24, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the BOCC Building.



1. Alpine Ready-Mix Economic Development Zone Site Development Plan

Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Alpine Ready-Mix Economic Development Zone Site Development Plan

Commissioner Thayer made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Alpine Ready-Mix Economic Development Zone Site Development Plan. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Public Hearing Opened at 1:20 PM

Motion: To Continue

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Continue. Commissioner Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Motion: To Close a Public Hearing for Alpine Ready-Mix Economic Development Zone Site Development Plan

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Close a Public Hearing for Alpine Ready-Mix Economic Development Zone Site Development Plan. Commissioner Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Public Hearing Closed at 1:22 PM

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

The meeting Adjourned at 1:23 PM



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO

CHRIS RICHARDSON, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1

DALLAS SCHROEDER, Vice-Chair, COMMISSIONER District 2

GRANT THAYER, COMMISSIONER District 3

ATTEST: Emily Backhus-Irwin

Deputy Clerk

BY:

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners